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**Serial No.:** 09/829,161

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**For:** METALLIZATION STRUCTURES  
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR  
MAKING SAME, AND  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES  
INCLUDING SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was previously filed on October 16, 2002. Applicant has again filed the Supplemental Information Statement, and requests that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner and returned to Applicant's undersigned attorney. Also, the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(p) is enclosed.

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In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The listed documents were cited by the office in co-pending application Serial No. 09/388,031, filed September 1, 1999, and directed to a related invention. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, no representation is made by Applicant herein that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (b) exists.

U.S. Patent Documents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
US - 5,985,762	11/16/1999	Geffken et al.
US - 6,255,734 B1	07/03/2001	Liu et al.

Applicant offers to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

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